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New York Farmers Plant Record High Soybean Acreage

New York farmers planted a record high 320,000 acres of soybeans in 2013, unchanged from the March intentions and 2 percent more than the 315,000 acres planted last year, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 317,000 acres, 2 percent above a year earlier.

Empire State farmers planted 1.25 million acres of corn for all purposes, 4 percent more than the March intentions and 7 percent more than the acreage planted in 2012. Acreage for grain is expected to total 750,000 acres, up 10 percent from the 680,000 acres harvested last year.

Oat seedings totaled 80,000 acres in 2013, up 14 percent from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 55,000 acres, up 10 percent from a year earlier.

A record low 8,000 acres of dry beans are expected to be planted, down 20 percent from last year.

Barley plantings totaled 18,000 acres, up 80 percent from last year's record low. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 14,000 acres, up 75 percent from 2012.

Acreage for harvest for all types of dry hay is expected to total 1.49 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay, at 390,000 acres, is down 5 percent and acres for other types of dry hay, at 1.10 million acres, is down 4 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. corn planted area for all purposes in 2013 is estimated at 97.4 million acres, up slightly from last year and represents the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1936 when an estimated 102 million acres were planted. Growers expected to harvest 89.1 million acres for grain, up 2 percent from last year.

U.S. soybean planted area for 2013 is estimated at a record high 77.7 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 76.9 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2012 and will be a record high, if realized.

The first yield and production forecast will be released on August 12 for corn, soybean, dry beans, and hay. Wheat and oats will be published on July 11.

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